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Suyker et al.

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Mechanically Connecting Hollow Structures,
In Particular Small Blood Vessels

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Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 23, 2003.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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